

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the following clean-text paragraphs for the paragraphs beginning on page 1, line 2:

#### **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation-in- part of and claims priority to copending U.S. utility application entitled, "Semiconducting Oxide Nanostructures," having ser. no. 10/211,696, filed on 8/2/02, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent 6,586,095 entitled "Semiconducting Oxide Nanostructures," having serial no. 10/042,868, filed on 01/08/02, which claimed priority to copending U.S. provisional application entitled, "Semiconductive Oxide Nanobelts," having ser. no. 60/261,367, filed January 12, 2001, which is entirely incorporated herein by reference.